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To : Chief, SE
Attn: []

Date 19 January 1953

FROM : []

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND/PARAM
SPECIFIC- BGFIEND Monthly Survey Report, 15 December 1952 - 14 January 1953

REFERENCE: SGAA-1928, KAPOK-1209

1. Air Operations

Two futile attempts were made to resupply Apple Tree Team with a W/T operator, provisions and arms on the 7th and 8th of January. Our plane was forced back by weather on both occasions.

2. Personnel

a. [] arrived [] from Frankfurt on PCS the 30th of December. He will be assigned as an instructor to the BGFIEND training site.

b. Jovan Mema was sent to Rome on 30 December after his interrogation had been completed. He will remain under [] jurisdiction for as long as he can be of value.

c. Lek Martini has been dropped from the BGFIEND payroll as he is not considered of high enough calibre for future operations.

d. Throwoff/3 has been disposed of through Thubiquity channels.

e. Koci Dule has been dispatched to Siros. We have not yet reached a decision concerning his future use.

f. Gadull has been sent to Siros.

3. Operations

a. Apple Tree Team

(1) The following W/T contacts were made with Apple during this report period:

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#54	27 December	[]	2376)
#55	31 December	[]	2400)
#56	4 January	[]	2420)
#57	5 January	[]	2420)
#58	7 January	[]	444)
#59	8 January	[]	2444)
#60	12 January	[]	2483)

(2) This month's traffic was exclusively devoted to arrangements for a resupply drop. We received a favorable response to a control challenge proposed by RNCASTING on 13 December. This development prompted the decision to resupply Apple. It was 27 December before contact with the team was re-established and we did not receive a D/Z until December 31st. The BGFIEND staff, Throwoff/2, the Air Section and the covert crew stood by each day from January 4th to January 12th awaiting favorable weather. The mission was attempted on the nights of 7 and 8 January but weather over the target area proved prohibitive on both occasions.

(3) Fresh attempts to resupply Apple will be made with the next full moon period. (28 January through 2 February).

(4) Throwoff/2 has proven himself to be mature, courageous and dedicated. His morale is still high.

b. Observant

(1) Gadunce is now re-interrogating ten recent Albanian exfiltrates in an attempt to secure information on HTGRUBEY.

c. Oblavate

(1) Gaccent continues to report on activities at Lavrion.

4. Training Site

a. Praptold, [redacted] and Mersereau accompanied the owner of the training site, Mr. Dennis Petropolis, and his two architects to the islands on 10 - 11 January. A site was selected for the building that is to be constructed ostensibly by Mr. Petropolis for rental to us. We are now awaiting a cost estimate on the construction of this building. Port locations on the mainland were also surveyed during this trip.

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b. Requirements for

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b. Requirements for training site equipment and supplies have been drawn up and procurement is underway. Request for material to be purchased in the U.S. have been forwarded in SATHE-2222, SGAA-1960, SGAA-2022 and SGAA-2103.

5. Action Outstanding - Washington

a. Provision of radar equipment for [] for the island training site.

b. Provision of lek for 1953 operations.

c. The dispatch of []

d. Approval of salary increase for Engelke recommended over five months ago (SGAA-1735)

e. Issuance of clearances noted in SGAA- 2280

6. Action Outstanding - Field

a. Construction of training site and preparation of training schedule for 1953.

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